

## **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

The parent application, Serial No. 09/527,478, filed March 16, 2000, had been allowed, and the issue fee paid on the date of filing this Divisional Application. The allowed system claims are cancelled from this application, the previously non-allowed method claims are presented in an amended form, and a new independent claim and dependent claims are presented for examination. Applicants believe that the amendment to the previously non-allowed, method claims render these claims allowable.

In light of the foregoing amendment and remarks, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the rejections and objections stated in the Office action, and pass the application to allowance. If the Examiner has any questions regarding the amendment or remarks, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

### **Provisional Request for Extension of time in Which to Respond**

Should this response be deemed to be untimely, Applicants hereby request an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any over-payment to Account No. 22-0258.

Customer Number

Respectfully Submitted,

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